

CITY OF HORSESHOE BAY

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

April 21, 2009

The Council of the City of Horseshoe Bay held a Public Meeting at City Hall, located at #1 Community Drive, Horseshoe Bay, Llano County, Texas, April 21, 2009, in accordance with duly posted notice of said meeting. Mayor Bob Lambert called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum of Council Members present as follows:

Robert W. Lambert, Mayor
James E. Babcock, Mayor Pro Tem
John Bird, Alderman
Claudia Haydon, Alderwoman
Jeff Robinson, Alderman
Steve Spence, Alderman

The posted agenda for this meeting is made a part of these minutes by attachment and the minutes are herewith recorded in the order the agenda items were considered, with the agenda subject and item number shown preceding the applicable paragraph.

1. Call to Order and Establish a Quorum: Mayor Bob Lambert called the Public Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum present.
2. Invocation: Reverend Johnny White, Pastor at the Church at Horseshoe Bay led the invocation.
3. Pledges to the Flags: Mayor Lambert led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that anyone who wanted to make comments please sign the sheet on the podium.
4. Public Comments (those speaking are asked to limit their comments to three minutes): There were no public comments.
5. Staff Recognition:
 - a. Introduction of New Police Officer – Candice Simon
 - b. Jeremy Schwartz – 5 year Service Award
 - c. Megan Garcia – 5 year Service Award
 - d. Jimmy Jones – 30 year Service Award

Police Chief Bill Lane introduced Department Training Coordinator Royce Graeter and new Police Officer, Candice Simon. Mayor Lambert welcomed Officer Simon to the City and told her there are a great group of people who work at the City. He then said one of the things he gets to do as mayor is to present awards to employees. Mayor Lambert presented Megan Garcia, Administrative Manager of the Police Department with a plaque in appreciation of five years of service to the City. Next, he introduced Jim Jones the City's Development Inspector and presented him with a plaque in appreciation of thirty years of service to the City of Horseshoe Bay.

6. Introduction of Verizon's Southwest Regional President, Carl Erhart, and Update on Plans for the Hill Country: Mayor Lambert asked Alderman Robinson to address this item. Alderman Robinson said approximately three years ago the Council formed a committee in an effort to bring high-speed internet broadband services to the citizens of Horseshoe Bay. He said the committee has made good progress and introduced Carl Erhart, Southwest Regional President for Verizon, James Hines, Director of Government Affairs with Verizon out of Austin, Ronnie Rudd, Chairman of the Llano Independent School District, Jim Beasley, the technology expert with the Llano ISD and Bill Hussey from Llano. Mr. Erhart said Verizon is working on expanding their Broadband network in this region. DSL technology is currently in the engineering phase and he expects that to take another 30-60 days. The goal is to be in the market by early September. This technology is limited by distance of about three miles from the central office. The people that cannot use the DSL will have Verizon wireless or air card technology available. They are also in the process of combining the Alltel and Verizon networks for both cell phones and broadband. The Council thanked Mr. Erhart for coming.
7. Home Rule Charter Election: Mayor Lambert stated the voting starts next Monday, April 27th through May 5th at Quail Point and then Saturday, May 9th is Election Day and voting will be held at City Hall.
8. Items to be Removed from Consent Agenda: Mayor Lambert asked if there were any items the Council wanted to remove from the Consent Agenda. There were none.
9. Consent Agenda Items:
 - a. Minutes of the March 17, 2009 Special Meeting and the March 17, 2009 Public Meeting
 - b. Final Plats:
 - i. Replat Lot Nos. W30024 and W30025 of Horseshoe Bay West Plat No. W30.1, to be known as Horseshoe Bay West Plat No. W30.5, Horseshoe Bay, Llano County, Texas (3000 Driftwood)
 - c. Renewal of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with LCRA Public Safety for Higher Level of Security Patrols at Ferguson Power Plant
 - d. Request for Approval of Expenditure of \$1,620 from the Municipal Court Technology Fund for Technological Enhancements
 - e. Agreement with Municipal Recovery Services for Debt Collection of Court Fines and Costs; and Ordinance Adopting and Assessing a Collection Service Fee on Court Fines and Costs
 - f. Resolution Expressing Intent to Finance Expenditures to be Incurred
 - g. Termination of City Engineer Status Contract of Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam, Inc.

Alderman Robinson made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Alderman Spence. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

10. Monthly Statistical Departmental Data Reports:
 - a. City Manager; Administration; Community Services; Development Services; Fire Dept.; and Police Dept

City Manager Stan Farmer gave an overview of the reports to the Council.

11. Zoning Ordinance Amendment Creating Planning and Zoning Commission-For Discussion Only: Mayor Lambert stated this item is for discussion only and involves an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. A P & Z is required by the Charter, if the Charter is adopted. This amendment would give guidance on how the commission would be selected and how the commission would work. This item will be placed on the next agenda in order to hold a public hearing and for further discussion.
12. Building Permit Ordinance Amendment to Require Performance Bond as Part of Building Permit Application-For Discussion Only: Mayor Lambert said this item was discussed at a prior council meeting due to the fact there are some abandoned homes under construction in the City and there is concern they were not being finished. Currently there was no mechanism to require they be completed. The Council thought perhaps requiring a performance bond on single-family construction consistent with the procedure for commercial and multi-family construction. This draft ordinance addresses this. This has not been discussed with local builders and no research has been done on what the cost might be. Mayor Lambert suggested Eric Winter, Development Services Manager research what other cities do. He thought the council might also consider this only being a requirement for “spec” houses in order to not add cost to a house being built pursuant to a contract.
13. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of Preliminary Plats:
 - a. Replat of Lot Nos. 1 and 2, Jonathon Cove 4, Horseshoe Bay Plat No. 37.7, to be known as Horseshoe Bay Plat No. 37.51, Horseshoe Bay, Burnet County, Texas (5330 FM 2147 West)
 - b. Replat of Lot Nos. 17030 and 17031, Horseshoe Bay Plat No. 17.1 to be known as Horseshoe Bay Plat No. 17.22, Horseshoe Bay, Llano County, Texas (113 Boot Hill)
 - c. Replat of Lot Nos. W27014 and W27015, Horseshoe Bay West Plat No. W27.1, to be known as Horseshoe Bay West Plat No. 27.5, Horseshoe Bay, Llano County, Texas (100 Block Long Mountain)

Mayor Lambert convened the Public Hearing at 3:32 p.m. He asked if there were any comments. There were none, and he adjourned the public hearing. Alderwoman Haydon made the motion to approve the preliminary plats. The motion was seconded by Alderman Spence. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

14. Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Planned Development “The Private Residence Club at Escondido” Fractional Ownership Project: Mayor Lambert convened the Public Hearing at 3:34 p.m. He asked if there were any comments. There were none, and he adjourned the public hearing. Alderman Robinson made the motion to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Haydon. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).
15. Sign Ordinance Variance Request for Building Industry Association of the Highland Lakes Parade of Homes, for Open House Signs that Exceed the Maximum Number of Two Directional Signs per House at 143 Westgate Dr. (5 Signs), 211 Big Sky (5 Signs), 312 Fire Dance (4 Signs), 105 Stillwater (4 Signs): Mayor Lambert asked Eric Winter to explain this request from the BIA of the Highland Lakes. They are sponsoring a major parade of homes and have requested they be allowed to post additional directional signs during the two

